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FULTON LEWIS, JR.: "The Senate Internal Subcommittee has made public a report, which once again opens up the famous Bang Jenson case, and suggests openly that the United Nations diplomat may have been the victim of murder by communists, instead of suicide as was found by the medical examiner at the time of his death. The lengthy report--it is no less than 115 pages long--contains the testimony of various witnesses, including Bang Jenson's widow, as heard by Senator Tom Dodd of Connecticut and the conclusions say the following, quote,

"There are too many solid arguments against suicide, too many unanswered questions, too many serious reasons for suspecting Soviet motivation, and the possibility of Soviet implication. About the most that can be said on the basis of information available today is that it is still unclear whether it was suicide or murder. By way of recalling the facts in the case for you, Paul Bang Jenson was a Danish diplomat, who was assistant secretary in charge of the United Nations investigation into the Hungarian revolt in 1957. He heard the stories of 111 Hungarian refugees, to whom he promised anonymity for the protection of relatives and loved ones back home, against possible retaliation, and he made his report accordingly. Suddenly there was great mysterious pressure within the United Nations to have the names made public, but Bang Jenson refused to do so, as a result he was suspended from his job and recalled to Copenhagen, but he decided to stay in this country.

"On Thanksgiving morning, November 24, 1959, Bang Jenson was found dead in the park near his home in New York City, under very mysterious circumstances. There was a bullet through his head, his own gun was in his hand--also there was a suicide note which New York police said appeared to be in his handwriting, found in his wallet. The medical examiner ruled it suicide, but the New York police investigating the case further decided to keep the case open, and it's still listed as unsolved today. The report says, quote, 'during the course of 1958 it had become known to at least several people that Bang Jenson had been approached in November, 1956 by a would-be Soviet defector who wished to convey information concerning Soviet control of key persons in the United Nations Secretariat and Soviet infiltration of American intelligence.' Bang Jenson had information, but the reports were vague, and no one knew precisely how much he had, or how much he had conveyed. Worried by this uncertainty the MVD, Soviet secret police, may very well have decided to take Bang Jenson in for the purpose of finding out what contact he had had, how much he knew, and how much he already had told the American authorities. If Bang Jenson was taken into custody for such an interrogation, his liquidation would have been the inevitable sequel.